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In re application of
Wesley Eugene Kendall
Application No. 10/081,036
Filed: February 22, 2002
For: CARD ONE

: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL**
: **(COUNTER TERRORISM)**
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This is in response to the petition filed on June 30, 2003 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of inventions for countering terrorism as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 XI and further in view of the fee transmittal received August 15, 2003.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (B) a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

Applicant's statement explains that the present invention contributes to countering terrorism by limiting identification fraud via a secure form of ID that links to a Federal database and to a biometric. The secure form of ID operates as an ID, ticket, boarding pass and baggage claim and links the passenger directly to his ticket purchase. Further, the secure form of ID is read at a series of airport checkpoints of which one, a Federal database, is used to eliminate passengers who are not legally permitted to fly commercially. This is an acceptable explanation of how the invention would act to counter terrorism.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 XI have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt **bona fide** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randolph A. Reese", is written over a horizontal line.

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